

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claim 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that claim 20 has been amended to include features of claims 26 and 28. Claims 26, 28 and 29 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 21-25, 27 and 30-33 depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 20. Therefore, claims 20-25, 27 and 30-33 are believed to be patentable. Independent claim 34 has been amended to recite features similar to amended claim 20. Claims 35-38 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 34. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 34-38 are patentable.

At paragraph 8 of the outstanding Final Office Action of November 17, 2004, the Examiner stated that claim 28 is allowable. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claim 28. To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claim is allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claim should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed

as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by his attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Applicants submit that the Amendment does not require further search or consideration and request entry of the Amendment. Applicants also submit that all the claims are in condition for allowance.

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